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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - REQUEST FOR ELABORATION
OF GUIDANCE ON FOOD AID.

1. US DELEGATION CAN PROPOSE AMENDMENT TO DRAFT RESOLUTION
8 AS SUGGESTED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY. LDC EFFORT ALONG LINES
DESCRIBED PARA. 2 SEEMS LIKELY REGARDLESS. HUMPHREY AMEND-
MENT DOES NOT REQUIRE US DO MORE THAN AT PRESENT AND HAS
VIRTUE OF EXPLICITLY RESTRICTING REVIEW TO DONOR GOVERN-
MENTS. IF INTRODUCTION THIS AMENDMENT DOES RESULT OTHER
POINTS UNACCEPTABLE TO US, DELEGATION SHOULD WITHDRAW IT.

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2. ON LARGER QUESTION OF MULTILATERAL COMPONENT AND CONTROL

OVER FOOD AID YOU SHOULD CONTINUE BE GUIDED BY POSITION PAPER. ESSENTIAL POINTS IN OUR VIEW ARE: A) THERE IS NO DEMONSTRATED GREATER EFFECTIVENESS OF MULTILATERAL OVER BILATERAL FOOD AID (INDEED REVERSE MAY BE TRUE GIVEN LONG EXPERIENCE US AND SOME OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES AND NORMAL EXPECTATION LESS ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY IN BILATERAL AS AGAINST MULTILATERAL PROGRAMING); AND B) ANY INCREASE IN MULTILATERAL FOOD AID PROGRAMS DEPENDS ON PROVED CAPABILITY WFP OR OTHER ENTITIES HANDLE INCREASED AMOUNTS.

3. US DELEGATION SHOULD NOT TAKE CATEGORICAL POSITION AGAINST INCREASING PRESENT MULTILATERAL SHARE OF WORLD FOOD

AID (WHICH IN ANY EVENT HAS PROBABLY BEEN INCREASING IN RECENT YEARS). BUT IT SHOULD OPPOSE ANY FIXED AMOUNT OR SHARE OF TOTAL AID AS PROPOSED BY SRI LANKA. IF NECESSARY US DELEGATION CAN ARGUE THAT FIXED PROPORTION BETWEEN MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL FOOD AID, WHILE PROBABLY NOT DESIRABLE, IS MORE PROPERLY SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT WFC FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS ON FOOD AID. KISSINGER

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